

Solar Team on taking overall honors in the 2005 Solar Decathlon on the National Mall in Washington, DC. With their strong work ethic, vision, creativity and commitment to energy conservation and efficiency, the CU Solar Team has successfully designed, engineered and constructed a national model for an attractive, energy-efficient solar-powered home, while outshining esteemed competitors from such prestigious institutions as Cornell University and the California Polytechnic State University.

The 2005 Solar Decathlon was an international competition between 18 competing collegiate teams, sponsored by the Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory, or NREL, in Golden, CO. Participants came from all over the United States, and as far away as Puerto Rico, Canada and Spain. Teams competed in 10 areas, including architecture, livability and comfort, as well as how well the homes provide energy for space heating and cooling, hot water, lighting and appliances. Home designs were also required to produce enough extra energy to power an electric car.

The CU Solar Team is a tight-knit group of students and faculty from the colleges of architecture, engineering, and environmental studies. Charged with the task of integrating natural materials and innovative technology into an environmentally conscious, publicly accessible and energy efficient modular home design, architecture students began to "think like engineers" and engineering students were placed in the role of architect. In the end, the team rose to the challenge and successfully achieved an exceptional solar design which included features such as a rooftop photovoltaic system composed of 32 SunPower 200-watt solar panels, and made of building materials such as soy, corn, sunflower and canola.

At a time when our Nation's energy policy continues to be heavily dependent on foreign oil, and when home heating costs are rising to unbearable levels, I commend the ambitious work of these students in envisioning, designing and successfully creating a model for energy-efficient mobile home design. Their achievement stands as a testament to the world-class research and innovation produced at the University of Colorado, which is one of the nation's most accomplished research universities.

I also want to briefly pay tribute to NREL. It is no exaggeration to say that NREL holds the key to our Nation's long-term energy security. For nearly 30 years, NREL has been at the forefront of alternative energy research and development, and their sponsorship of research projects like the decathlon helps ensure that our young engineers and scientists have opportunities to channel their education, creativity, and talent towards solving our Nation's energy challenges.

The work done by this team of 14 students at CU Boulder is impressive, im-

portant and will help lead the United States to a future of greater energy independence and greater security.●

DR. C. DELORES TUCKER

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of the passing of a great Pennsylvanian, and great American, Dr. C. DeLores Tucker. Throughout her distinguished life, Dr. Tucker demonstrated an incredible amount of courage, selflessness, and compassion, as well as an unquenchable thirst for equality for all Americans. Dr. Tucker lived her life in a manner we should all aspire to, and she will be sorely missed.

Born in Philadelphia on October 4, 1927, the child of a north Philadelphia pastor, Dr. Tucker was truly a daughter of Pennsylvania. She attended Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania-Wharton School, and in 1951 married Mr. William Tucker, a successful Philadelphia real estate agent.

Dr. Tucker had a significant, renowned history in the civil rights movement. Her involvement included raising funds for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, participating in the 1965 march in Selma, AL with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and founding the National Political Congress of Negro Women, now known as the National Congress of Black Women, and the Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc. Her devotion to obtaining equal rights for African Americans altered the future of this Nation, and history will remember C. DeLores Tucker as a patriot, a revolutionary thinker, and a credit to America.

Dr. Tucker, a pioneer so often throughout her life, became the first African-American secretary of state for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1971. In assuming this position, Dr. Tucker also became the first African-American woman secretary of state in America's history. Dr. Tucker often walked upon the road less traveled, and while on this path, paved the way towards a better life for those that followed.

Following her time as secretary of state, Dr. Tucker took up an intense interest in protecting our children, the future of America. She was founder and president of the Bethune-DuBois Institute, Inc., an institution with the goal of enhancing the cultural and intellectual development of African-American youth through scholarships and educational programs. Dr. Tucker was a firm believer in the preservation of values in our culture, and fought hard against the inclusion of explicit lyrics in rap and hip-hop music, citing their detrimental effect on the youth of this Nation.

Personally, I had the pleasure to work with Dr. Tucker in her capacity as national chair of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. Dr. Tucker

and the organization she founded established the Sojourner Truth Crusade, an effort to put the likeness of Sojourner Truth on the Suffrage Monument that now stands in the Capitol Rotunda. In working with Dr. Tucker, I was able to see first-hand the dedication, the joy, and the passion that she brought to both her work and her everyday life.

America has lost a great citizen with the passing of C. DeLores Tucker, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has lost one of its brightest stars. While we will surely miss Dr. Tucker and all that she brought to the lives of each person she touched, there is no question that her legacy will live on for years to come.●

GEORGE HALE

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to express my deep admiration for the indomitable George Hale, a man whose voice has danced over the airwaves of Maine television and radio over the last 50 years.

George Hale has an exceptional ability of bringing unique personality and perspective to each and every broadcast. With a career in sports, George provides the listener with the personal stories of triumph that make competition enthralling.

Maine can not take all the credit for George Hale. Born in Cleveland, OH, George had to decide whether to come to Bangor and work in television or accept a desk job in New York City. By my estimation, he made the right decision subsequently establishing himself as one of Maine's premier broadcasting personalities.

The most famous story about George is the time that he predicted snow flurries in the evening weather forecast and the next day Bangor awoke to find itself buried in the biggest snowstorm in its history. To this day, residents refer to him as "Flurries Hale".

I extend my most sincere congratulations to Mr. Hale on this milestone accomplishment.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 6:18 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 55. An act to adjust the boundary of Rocky Mountain National Park in the State of Colorado.

S. 156. An act to designate the Ojito Wilderness Study Area as wilderness, to take certain land into trust for the Pueblo of Zia, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 3765) to extend through December 31, 2007, the authority of the Secretary of the Army to accept and expend funds contributed by non-Federal public entities to expedite the processing of permits.